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QUEEN LIL'S TRAVELS.

Chicago Sept. 7.—Queen Lil, of Hawaii, passed through this city to-day for San Francisco. She made the announcement that she would go to Honolulu to live next winter.

DEATH FROM MOSQUITO BITE.

Pomory, Cal., Sept. 7.—David Pearce, a well known ranchman of San Gabriel, is reported to be dying from the effects of mosquito bites.

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THE REPORT LAID OVER.

The City Fathers Took No Action on Finance Committee's Report.

THEY PASSED A RESOLUTION REQUIRING A CHANGE IN BOOK-KEEPING METHODS IN THE CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE—HE WILL BE REQUIRED TO KEEP SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNTS OF VARIOUS MONIES COLLECTED. OTHER ROUTINE BUSINESS.

The City Council held its regular monthly meeting last night with Jas. P. Woods in the chair with the following members present: Buckner, Evans, Hodgson, Page, Guy, Minahan, Coleman, Newton, Minahan, Casey, Witt, Strickland, Buchanan, Fox, Mays, Colbourne. A message was received and read from the mayor. He called attention to the good order prevailing in the city and filed a report of the work done in the police department for the benefit of the Council.

The report of the city engineer was read and the several recommendations taken up separately. He recommended that any money to be expended further on street repairs be used on macadamizing streets, such as Campbell and Salem avenues. The recommendation was adopted.

Reports were also read from the city sergeant, clerk of the market and keeper of almshouse, all of which were properly disposed of.

The committee on streets reported as follows:

As to the petition of G. L. Cannaday and others, asking that the alley between Wells and Gilmer avenues, and between Jefferson and Commonwealth avenue, be graded so as to make it passable, the committee recommended that the city engineer be instructed to improve said alley at a cost not exceeding \$50.

Concerning the matter of purchasing 25,000 feet of boardwalk lumber for repairs, referred to the committee with power to act. The committee reported that they had directed the city engineer to purchase same at cost not exceeding \$10 per 1,000 feet.

Concerning the petition of J. Marks and others, for the construction of a slag and sand sidewalk on K'rk avenue between First and Second streets, s. w. on the north side thereof, the committee recommended that it be put down by the city engineer, at a cost not to exceed \$60.

Concerning the petition of B. L. Hoffman and others, asking that the intersection of Ninth avenue and Eighth street n. w., be improved, the committee recommended that the city engineer be instructed to have said work done at a cost not exceeding \$100.

Concerning the matter of improvement of Patton avenue n. e., on the hills on either side of Kimball avenue, the committee recommended that the city engineer be instructed to have said repairs made at a cost not exceeding \$60.

The committee on accounts having examined and approved the following claims and accounts against the city, recommended that they be ordered paid: Criminal charges, \$11.50; fire, \$264.94; jail, \$127.13; lights, \$991.65; police, \$971.73; paupers, \$112.07; street repairs \$1,100.74; street cleaning, \$68; stationery and printing, \$16.77; salaries, \$1,161.83; health, \$153.50; public property, \$234.80; sewer repairs, \$60.22; sewer bond, \$140.20; contingent, \$200; bridges, \$25.39. Total, \$5,650.29.

The committee on finance reported as follows:

Concerning the claim of the Roanoke Gas and Water Company, amounting to \$6.50, for the removal of two fire hydrants, the committee recommended that it be rejected. The recommendation was adopted.

As to the bill of M. Kelley, amounting to \$250, claiming damages to that amount for withholding a certain gaming apparatus by the police authorities, the committee recommended that the bill be rejected. The recommendation was adopted.

The account of W. H. Johnson, colored, amounting to \$5 for services in waiting on Saint Shafer, was allowed and the auditor instructed to pay the same.

In the matter of the payment of the one year bonds, due March 1, 1898, the committee reported that \$7,500 of the \$12,100 of said bonds were all that could be obtained, and these have been paid off by the treasurer and are now in his hands awaiting cancellation.

The committee submitted the bond of D. H. Christian, keeper of the almshouse, in the sum of \$500, with W. A. Burks and T. J. Burke, as sureties. The bond was accepted and approved.

Concerning the account of James McCall, chief of the fire department, for expenses in attending the National Association of Chief Engineers, the committee recommended that \$100 be allowed him and the amount charged to the contingent fund which was adopted.

Concerning the matter of certain repairs to the building occupied by the Alert Fire Company, that they had instructed the city engineer to make the repair at a cost not exceeding \$50.

In accordance with a recommendation by the committee a resolution was adopted directing the Gas and Water Company to place one fire hydrant at the intersection of Wells avenue with Third street n. e.

Upon the reaching of the report of the finance committee relative to the report of Expert Accountant Callahan, Mr. Buckner put some pointed questions to Mr. Callahan regarding the bank account of the treasurer which shows that he has deposited to his credit over \$71,000. After which he moved that the report lie over to an adjourned meeting for consideration.

He then offered a resolution requiring the city treasurer to open double entry books at once, commencing with the

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fiscal year, July 1, 1897 and post up to September 1, 1897.

This was amended by Mr. Fox to read: "At the recommendation of the expert accountant and the finance committee."

The resolution was further amended by Mr. Guy requiring the accountant which might be employed to do the work to report to an adjourned meeting of the Council to be held thereafter.

Mr. Buckner accepted the amendments and his resolution was adopted by a vote of 17 to 1.

It seems that the city treasurer is also treasurer for the State, the school board and the sinking fund, and the object of the whole thing is to have an arrangement perfected by which the treasurer will be required to keep his money for his various accounts deposited separately.

The report of the finance committee on Callahan's report was as follows:

Following is the report of the finance committee on the Callahan report: To the Common Council for the City of Roanoke: The committee on finance has taken up the report of W. E. Callahan, accountant, who has checked the books and accounts of the city in pursuance of a resolution of Council which directed the former finance committee to employ an accountant for that purpose, and submits herewith the following report thereon, which has been agreed to in committee after due consideration:

Office of City Treasurer.—As to the collection account of the city treasurer, mentioned on page 3 of the report, and also by a supplementary report on page 8, in which it is shown that as of July 1, 1897, the treasurer was due the city the sum of \$20,927.56. Upon this matter we beg to report as follows:

First. As to the item, due from city levy, 1894, \$4,025.37, we recommend that the treasurer be exonerated on account of this charge. The city solicitor advises this course, as the amount so charged is delinquent bank tax, which could not be collected within the required time, and the tickets were held by the treasurer and not reported delinquent. This was done under advice of the city solicitor at the time, as it was thought there might be a possible chance of collecting same, following the procedure the attorney general would take. The State, however, failed to collect its proportion; and we think, therefore, that the treasurer should be exonerated as to this item.

Second. As to the items, due from city levy, 1895, \$2,828.15, and due from delinquent levy, 1895, \$9,024.66, we report that these items have been paid in by the city treasurer, through pay-in-warrants issued by the city auditor, and is included in his August settlement. The treasurer is due, however, certain commissions for collecting 1895 taxes, which will be adjusted by a voucher submitted to Council next month.

Third. As to the items \$362.79, due from delinquent levy, 1896; \$2,570.33, due from delinquent levy, 1891; \$2,116.26, due from city levy 1892, total \$5,049.38. These items are explained as accruing by improper credits, the treasurer receiving credit for the respective years on the delinquent list and levies with the school proportion—that is, the treasurer received credit for twenty-five twenty-fifths of the levy of \$1.25 on the \$100 instead of twenty-three twenty-fifths. The treasurer explains these items by stating that he accepted the statement of the books of the auditor on settlement without verifying the same; but that if these items are found to be due by him, they will be paid, and he is prepared to do so at once. We therefore recommend that the adjustment of these matters be recommended to the finance committee with instructions to adjust same with the city treasurer, and report to the Council.

Concerning the manner of keeping the books in the treasurer's office, and how the various funds shall be deposited, the accountant makes the following recommendation and report:

The books of the city treasurer as to receipts and disbursements of the city funds, should, by all means, be kept double entry. The expense in keeping his books by double entry will not be greater or the keeping more difficult than they are now by the present system after they are once opened and systematized. I think it would be the correct method to keep the funds of the city, the state and school separated. Distinct and independent deposits should be made of each fund, and separate bank accounts kept for each. The deposits of the city funds and actual coin and currency on hand belonging to the city, added together, should at all times verify his cash account with the city.

The committee is of opinion that this recommendation of the accountant is the proper one. If the books are properly kept in the treasurer's office there need be no trouble hereafter concerning the adjustment of charges to the treasurer's office, or the over-payment of any claim. The committee therefore recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the city treasurer be and is hereby instructed to keep or cause

to be kept double entry books in his office, giving a regular debit and credit system of his transactions, and to deposit the various funds in his hands as treasurer in separate accounts in bank to his credit as treasurer of that particular fund, in accordance with the recommendations of the accountant."

As to the treasurer's cash account, the report of the accountant, as well as the books of the city auditor, shows that he had on hand as of July 1, 1897, \$71,029.34, deposited as follows: National Exchange Bank, \$21,149.95, and First National Bank, \$50,000, making a total of \$71,149.95. These deposits have been verified personally by the chairman of this committee and found to be correct.

Auditor's Office.—Concerning the office of the city auditor, and the adjustment of the various accounts therein, we report as follows:

First. The committee submits herewith the individual account of W. A. Noble, showing that his account for the term ending August 1, 1894, was overdrawn to the amount of \$1,019.06; and for the term ending August 1, 1896, \$1,186.81; total, \$2,205.87. We recommend that this account be referred to the city solicitor with instructions to take whatever steps may be necessary and proper to recover said amount from the bondsmen of W. A. Noble, and to take such action in connection therewith as will protect the interests of the city.

Second. The report shows that Henry Davis, janitor of the courthouse, was erroneously overpaid the sum of \$5. We recommend that the city auditor be and is hereby instructed to deduct this amount from Davis' salary and require him to cover that amount into the treasury according to law.

Third. As to the auditor's collection account, on page 5 Mr. Callahan reports that he does not think this a very proper account to be kept by the auditor. This account is made up of street, sewer and boardwalk assessments, and is collectable, at present, through the auditor's office by pay-in-warrants. If the collection of these claims was in a position to be enforced, they should be turned over to the collector of city taxes, and the amounts charged to the collector. But as the enforcement of the liens is in the courts, we recommend that the question be referred to the city solicitor for his advice, as to whether or not it is proper at this time to turn these claims over to the tax collector for collection, and have same charged to said collector, as recommended by the accountant.

Fourth. The report of Mr. Callahan, on page 6, shows that Dyer, Vaughan & Co., contractors for the city on sewer construction, were overpaid \$175, and is apparently an error made by the city auditor. We recommend that this account be referred to the city solicitor with instructions to take such steps as may be necessary looking to the collection thereof.

Collector of City Taxes.—On page 6 of the report of the accountant, it is shown that the tax collector collected certain sums of money after December 1, 1896, without adding the 5 per cent. penalty, and on this account he should be debited with \$243.42. This matter has not been adjusted yet, as the tax collector claims that he failed to add the 5 per cent. penalty under advice and for the best interests of the city, in order that this sum of money, which was delayed, could be gotten into the treasury where it was much needed. As the collector is absent from the city, the committee recommends that this matter be referred back to them for adjustment with the collector, for such report and recommendations to Council as may be found proper after getting all the facts before it.

Second. It is also recommended by the accountant that the office of tax collector should adjoint that of the city treasurer to facilitate the collection of taxes. The committee has not considered the necessity of this change, and recommends that it be referred to the public property committee for investigation and report, if they deem such change proper and to the best interest of the city.

City Engineer's Collection Account.—On page 7 of the report it is shown that certain items for street grades, plots, etc., remain uncollected. The committee recommends that these items be referred to the city engineer with instructions to collect such said items as are collectable and cause same to be paid into the treasury according to law.

Clerk of the Markets.—On page 7 of the report it is shown that the clerk of the markets is due on settlement \$415, which he has overpaid in making settlements with the auditor. We recommend that the city auditor be instructed to adjust this account by proper voucher to be approved by Council in regular way.

Police Finex.—On page 7 of the report it is shown that the chief of police has overpaid on settlement with the city auditor to the amount of \$7.51. We recommend that this account be adjusted by the city auditor with proper voucher to be approved as is required by ordinance.

City Treasurer, Amount Due.—On page 4 of the report, in the payment of a certain account of jury claims, it is shown that the treasurer failed to receive the amount to which he was justly entitled, caused by an error in the addition of said claims. The amount due is \$10. We recommend that the city auditor examine and verify said account, and adjust the same, if correct, by proper voucher, to be approved according to law.

The committee files herewith the original report of Mr. Callahan, copies of which have been furnished to the members of Council, and asks that its recommendations herein contained be adopted.

DESERVED HIS FATE.

Citizens of Patrick County Mete Out Justice.

Martinsville, Va., Sept. 7.—(Special)—A well authenticated report comes from Stuart, Va., this morning about as follows: That some time ago the Cook Bros. caught Henry Wall with a stolen saddle. This made Walls very angry and he threatened to run the whole Cook family out of the community if he had to burn them out. On Friday afternoon all of the Cooks were away from home till late in the evening. It is thought Walls set fire to the house, was caught in the act by Saddle Cook, whose tracks were found running from the house and closely followed by tracks exactly corresponding to those of Walls. She was overtaken about seventy-five yards from the house where were found signs of a struggle and blood on the ground. She was knocked in the head and dragged to brush and her throat cut, when she was discovered and taken to the house where she died last Saturday evening. She was conscious but speechless. A lady told her when she called the name of the person who cut her throat to press her hand. When the name of Walls was called the murdered girl pressed the lady's hand. A coroner's inquest was held and their verdict was that Saddle Cook came to her death at the hands of Henry Walls.

He was arrested about 11 o'clock last Saturday night. A crowd of several hundred masked men took the prisoner from the officials by force, carried him a mile and swung him to a tree right on the roadside, where he was discovered Monday morning by the mail boy. There was no doubt of his guilt.

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New York, Sept. 7.—Hirsch Grossman and Abraham Cohen, who recently arrived on the steamship Patria from Olevaski, Russia, were to day detained at the Barge office. They were in America two years ago.

It is claimed that they are professional beggars, and that on their previous visit here they begged enough money to buy a row of houses at Olevaski, and that they now return for the purpose of begging money with which to furnish these houses. They were detained as professional beggars.

BRUISERS TO FIGHT.

San Francisco Sept. 7.—Joe Wolcott and George Lavigne have signed articles to fight on or about November 1 for 75 per cent. of the receipts before the Occidental Club. They will weigh in the afternoon of the fight at 186 pounds.

George Dixon and Solly Smith have settled their dispute about referee and the division of the gate receipts. They will fight on October 14 at 120 pounds.

If you wish to buy an interest in or the whole of an established paying business in Roanoke, address at once, BUSINESS C, care this office.

HAWAIIAN POLITICS

Washington, Sept. 7.—The State department has been informed that President Dole on August 26 issued a proclamation convening the Hawaiian Senate September 8. It is said that when the senate meets to-morrow the President will send it a message recommending the immediate ratification of the annexation treaty.

MOVEMENTS OF GUNBOATS.

Washington, Sept. 7.—The gunboats Helena and Wilmington will be withdrawn from patrol duty around the Florida coast and ordered North this week for trials at sea preliminary to acceptance by the government. The Annapolis, now at Hampton Roads, and the Nashville will be sent South as their relief.

You ought to see that Steinway bargain at Hobbie Piano Co.

BURIED BY FALLING WALLS.

Cincinnati, Sept. 7.—A wall fell today at the Lane & Hadley boiler works. A number of workmen were buried in the debris. Two have been taken out badly bruised. They are Thomas Main and William Gemmeyer. It is reported that there are several others in the wreck. The fire department has been called out to clear away the debris.

A DERBY WINNER DEAD

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 7.—Prince Liel, the famous double Derby winner, is dead. He is the horse that made Byron McClelland famous as a turfman. The horse was chloroformed last night to relieve him of his sufferings from blood poisoning.

MATCH DECLARED OFF.

Baltimore, Sept. 7.—The long-distance swimming match between George Burton, of New York, Harry Clayton, of Chicago, and F. G. Sparks, of Baltimore, announced to take place to-day, was declared off on account of the sickness of Burton.

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GIVES LAMB A CHANCE.

President Interested in Virginia Republicans.

NO APPOINTMENTS FOR PRESENT.

IF THE GATHERING AT LYNCHBURG PROVES TO BE LARGE AND REPRESENTATIVE ITS LEADERS WILL RECEIVE SOME RECOGNITION—THE PRESIDENT ANXIOUS TO AVOID IDENTIFYING HIMSELF WITH ONLY ONE FACTION.

Richmond, Sept. 7.—President McKinley is to make no more Virginia appointments until he sees how much strength is behind Col. Lamb in the proposition to hold a Republican State convention on the 5th of next month.

This information, which comes from Washington, through authority that is not to be disregarded, has caused a decided stir in Republican circles here and is apt to have its effect in creating increased interest in the convention. Ever since the inauguration, as is well known, the President has accepted of Judge Waddill, Gen. Allan, ex-Congressman Bowden, and the other "original" McKinley men, and they have dispensed the patronage according to their own wishes. Col. Brady and Park Agnew have already received their offices and the others have their particular pieces of pie picked out. There was some speculation, however, when the President declined to accept the resignation of A. J. Montague, the Democratic United States Attorney for the Western District, and reappointed him, even though the McKinley managers here had Lucien J. Gleaves, of Wytheville, slated for the place. It now appears that the President was a little dubious as to the outcome of the factional fight between the members of his own party and was afraid to trust all of his political eggs in one basket. He is very anxious to have Virginia's delegation in the next National Convention and he will not ally himself too closely to one faction.

If, therefore, the convention to be held at Lynchburg under Colonel Lamb's call should be largely attended and should prove to be a representative one the outlook is that the President will recognize its leaders to some extent at least. It is positively known that he has no severed relations entirely with Colonel Lamb. The latter when he went to Lynchburg to attend the meeting of the State committee—a meeting which resulted in his deputation—was present with knowledge and endorsement of Mr. McKinley, who had hoped that the warring factions could be brought together. When this was shown to be impossible, owing to the bitterness of the opposition to Col. Lamb, the latter called a convention, and if he can demonstrate to the President, by securing a representative Republican gathering, that he has a following in the State the influence of Waddill, Allan, Bowden, etc., will not be as supreme as it has been in the past.

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STARTUP SHOT DOWN.

Ellenville, N. Y., Sept. 7.—John Tonery, a watchman, became involved in a quarrel with John Taylor in a saloon here last night. He drew a revolver and shot at Taylor, but the bullet struck Ira Sartup in the leg, making a dangerous wound. Tonery is now in jail.

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